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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE BERLIN LOCATION FOR GERMAN CULTURAL FOUNDATION

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1. ON FEB 25, HERZ OF SENAT CHANCELLERY GAVE US
POLAD SOME INFORMATION ON THE ABOVE SUBJECT:. DUE TO
AVAILABILITY OF MONEY IN THE 1976 BUDGET OF THE INTERIOR
MINISTRY, THE QUESTION OF SETTING UP AN INSTITUTE HAS
AGAIN BECOME ACTIVE BETWEEN THE LAENDER AND THE FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT. SEVERAL CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE IN THE EARLIER
MODEL UNDER DISCUSSION. COMMENT: HE MEANT THE
DESCRIPTION OF A HIGHLY POLITICIZED FOUNDATION WRITTEN
IN 1974 BY KRUEZTER, OF THE ALL-GERAN MINISTRY OFFICE
IN BERLIN. END COMMENT). THESE ARE:

A. IT WILL BE CALLED THE DEUTSCHE KULTURSTIFTUNG,
AND NOT THE NATIONALSTIFTUNG.

B. IT WILL BE ESTABLISHED UNDER PRIVATE LAW AND
NOT UNDER PUBLIC LAW, AND

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C. IT WILL NOT BE EQUATED WITH THE PURSSIAN

CULTURAL PROPERTY FOUNDATION.

D. THERE ARE OTHER CHANGES IN THE NATURE OF THE
AIMS OF THE STIFTUNG.

2. HERZ SAID THAT DISAGREEMENT NOW EXISTS AS TO WHERE
THE FOUNDATION SHOULD BE LOCATED. THE CHANCELLOR'S
OFFICE PROPOSED THAT THERE SHOULD BE THREE HEADQUARTERS
IN BONN, BERLIN AND MUNICH. THE REASONS FOR THIS HERZ
DESCRIBED AS " PRACTICAL," I.E., IT REFLECTED THE VARIOUS
REALISTIC POINTS OF PARTICIPATION. ALL OF THE CDU-CSU
LAENDER, EXCEPT BAVARIA, WILL ONLY ACCEPT BERLIN AS THE
SITE. IN THIS CASE THE SENAT IS ASSOCIATED WITH THE
OPPOSITION LAENDER. THE SENAT HAS INFORMED THE FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT THAT IT CAN ONLY AGREE TO THE FORMATION OF
THIS STIFTUNG UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCE THAT IT BE LOCATED
IN BERLIN AND IN BERLIN ALONE. THERE ARE IMPORTANT
PSYCHOLOGICAL AND POLITICAL REASONS FOR THIS STAND.
FAILURE TO CHOOSE BERLIN WOULD SIGNIFY THAT NOT ONLY
GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS CAN NO LONGER BE LOCATED IN
BERLIN, BUT ALSO THAT PRIVATE BODIES CANNOT COME.

3. HERZ HOPED THAT THE ALLIES WOULD RECOGNIZE THE
IMPORTANCE OF PROMOTING ITS LOCATION IN BERLIN.

4. US POLAD TOLD HERZ THAT THERE HAD BEEN A BRIEF
DISCUSSION OF THIS IN THE BONN GROUP, IN WHICH THE
EMBASSIES HAD BEEN INFORMED THAT A NEW CONCEPT OF THE
STIFTUNG HAD NOW EMERGED. THE EMBASSIES HAD EXPRESSED
AN URGENT DESIRE TO GET A DESCRIPTION OF THIS FRESH
MODEL, AND SUCH HAD BEEN PROMISED. HERZ HOPED THAT THIS
INFORMATION WAS SUPPLIED AS ASKED, AND SUGGESTED, IN CASE
OF DELAY, THAT THE MISSION LIAISON OFFICERS ASK THE
SENAT FOR IT.

5. COMMENT: THE FOREGOING CONFIRMS AND AMPLIFIES THE
EMBASSY'S ACCOUNT IN REFTEL. WE RECOMMEND THAT PRESSURE
BE KEPT ON FRG REP TO FURNISH US SOON WITH DETAILED
DESCRIPTION OF NEW PROJECT, AND IF THIS CHANNEL IS
UNPRODUCTIVE, THAT WE ASK FOR IT IN BERLIN. WE SHARE
EMBASSY'S VIEW THAT THERE IS HIGH DOMESTIC POLITICAL
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CONTENT IN MATER, WHICH COULD SOON DISCHARGE INTO
THE PUBLIC DOMAIN. WE AGREE THAT WE SHOULD RESERVE
JUDGEMENT FOR THE MOMENT. HOWEVER, GIVEN SUITABLE
ADJUSTMENTS IN THE ORIGINAL POLITICIZED CONCEPT, WE
BELIEVE THAT SUPPORTING THE FOUNDATION'S PLACEMENT IN
BERLIN PROBABLY WILL PRESENT NO POLITICAL PROBLEM, FOR
THE ALLIES. GEORGE

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